

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**February 25, 2013**

The Honorable Council of the City of Evansville met on regular session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 25, 2013 in the City Council Chambers, Room 301 Civic Center Complex, Evansville, Indiana, with President Connie Robinson presiding. The following business was conducted.

**These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript. Audiotapes of this meeting are on file in the City Clerk's Office.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** McGinn, Mosby, Brinkerhoff-Riley, Friend, Lindsey, Adams, O'Daniel, Weaver, Robinson.

There being nine (9) members present and zero (0) members absent and nine (9) members representing a quorum, I hereby declare this session of the Common Council officially open.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

This evening the pledge of allegiance will be led by Councilwoman Mosby.

**President Robinson:** Fellow Councilmen and those in the audience, welcome to the February 25, 2013 meeting of the Common Council.

**RECOGNITION OF SCHOOLS**

**TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Bailey Klipsch, Lauren Hayden, Michaela Karcher, Morgan Jennings, Beronica Ricketts, Chase Hoehn, Sam Stratman, Katelyn Klingler, Emerson Hobson

**COUNCIL ATTORNEY**

Scott Danks is the City Council Attorney.

**SERGEANT AT ARMS**

Officer Cullum is the Sergeant at Arms this evening.

**READING AND AMENDMENT OF MINUTES**

**President Robinson:** Is there a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2013 meeting of the Common Council as written?

Councilwoman Mosby moved and Councilman O'Daniel seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held February 11, 2013 as written. Voice vote. So ordered.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**  
**IN YOUR FEBRUARY 22<sup>nd</sup> PACKET:**

- \*City Council Meeting Agenda for February 25, 2013.
- \*Committee Meeting Schedule.
- \*City Council Meeting Minutes dated February 11, 2013.
- \*Resolutions C-2013-6 and C-2013-7.
- \*A memo from Purdue Extension Economic and Community Development.
- \*A memo from the Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana regarding the Economic Development Leadership Conference slated for March 5, 2013

- \*A memo from the Area Plan Commission regarding The Status of Land Use Planning, City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County, 2012
- \*Report from Weights and Measures
- \*Evansville Redevelopment Commission Meeting Minutes from February 5, 2013

**ON YOUR DESK THIS EVENING:**

- \*Ordinance G-2013-3.
- \*E-mail from John Estes about the Crime Free Multihousing Program/State Interference.
- \*Memo from Delores Mason, President of Lorraine Park Neighborhood Association.
- \*Letter from Greg Wathen, President and CEO of Economic Development Coalition
- \*Updated Committee Meeting Schedule
- \*Updated Agenda
- \*Updated Extended Agenda

**President Robinson:** Do I have a motion to receive, file and make these reports and communications a part of the minutes of the meeting?

Councilman Weaver moved and Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley seconded the motion to receive, file and make these reports and communications a part of the minutes of the meeting. Voice vote. So ordered.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**FIRST READING OF ZONING ORDINANCES**

<b><u>ORDINANCE G-2013-3</u></b>	<b><u>A.S.D</u></b>	<b><u>BRINKERHOFF-RILEY</u></b>
An Ordinance providing for licensing of residential rental buildings in the City of Evansville, Indiana		

<b><u>RESOLUTION C-2013-6</u></b>	<b><u>FINANCE</u></b>	<b><u>FRIEND</u></b>
A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Evansville Ratifying, Confirming, Authorizing and Approving an Agreement between the City of Evansville and the Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers, Local Union No. 215 for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 25, 2015		

<b><u>RESOLUTION C-2013-7</u></b>	<b><u>FINANCE</u></b>	<b><u>FRIEND</u></b>
A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Evansville Confirming the Declaration of an Economic Revitalization Area for Property Tax Phase-In for the Acquisition and Installation of New Manufacturing Equipment for Berry Plastics Opco, Inc., 101 Oakley Street, Evansville, IN		

**President Robinson:** Is there a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as written?

Councilman Friend moved and Councilwoman Mosby seconded the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as written. Voice vote. So ordered.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS**

<b><u>ORDINANCE G-2013-1</u></b>	<b><u>A.S.D.</u></b>	<b><u>BRINKERHOFF RILEY</u></b>
An Ordinance amending Chapter 18.130.010 and 18.130.050 of the Evansville Municipal Code (Re: Front Yard Set Backs in areas of Pigeon Township)		

**ORDINANCE G-2013-2****FINANCE****FRIEND**

An Ordinance Authorizing the issuance of sewage works revenue refunding bonds of the City of Evansville, Indiana; prescribing the form and other details of the bond; providing for the collection and disposition of the revenues to be derived from its sewerage system; making other provisions with respect to the operation of the system and the issuance and sale of the bonds; and providing for the security and payment of the bonds; other matters connected therewith, and repealing ordinances inconsistent herewith

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****A.S.D. COMMITTEE:****CHAIRWOMAN RILEY**

**Councilwoman Riley:** Madam President, your A.S.D. Committee met this evening to hear Ordinance G-2013-1 and it comes forward with a do-pass recommendation.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:****CHAIRMAN FRIEND**

**Councilman Friend:** Madam President, your Finance Committee met this evening to hear Ordinance G-2013-2 and it comes forward with a do-pass recommendation.

**President Robinson:** Thank you. Can I have a motion to accept the Committee Reports?

Councilman Friend moved and Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley seconded the motion to adopt the Committee Reports and move these Ordinances to Third Reading, which is final reading. Voice vote. So ordered.

**REGULAR AGENDA****THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS****ORDINANCE G-2013-1****A.S.D.****BRINKERHOFF RILEY**

An Ordinance amending Chapter 18.130.010 and 18.130.050 of the Evansville Municipal Code (Re: Front Yard Set Backs in areas of Pigeon Township)

**President Robinson:** Is there a motion to adopt Ordinance G-2013-1?

Councilwoman moved and Councilman Lindsey seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance G-2013-1 and call the role.

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** McGinn, Mosby, Brinkerhoff-Riley, Friend, Lindsey, Adams, O'Daniel, Weaver, Robinson

**President Robinson:** There being nine (9) Ayes and zero (0) Nays, Ordinance G-2013-1 is hereby declared adopted.

**REGULAR AGENDA****THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS****ORDINANCE G-2013-2****FINANCE****FRIEND**

An Ordinance Authorizing the issuance of sewage works revenue refunding bonds of the City of Evansville, Indiana; prescribing the form and other details of the bond; providing for the collection and disposition of the revenues to be derived from its sewerage system; making other provisions with respect to the operation of the system and the issuance and sale of the bonds; and providing for the security and

payment of the bonds; other matters connected therewith, and repealing ordinances inconsistent herewith

**President Robinson:** Is there a motion to adopt Ordinance G-2013-2?

Councilwoman Riley moved and Councilwoman Mosby seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance G-2013-2 and call the roll.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** McGinn, Mosby, Brinkerhoff-Riley, Friend, Lindsey, Adams, O'Daniel, Weaver, Robinson

**President Robinson:** There being nine (9) Ayes and zero (0) Nays, Ordinance G-2013-2 is hereby declared adopted.

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**President Robinson:** I see we have quite a few people in attendance tonight, probably to speak on G-2013-3. We are going to have that in Committee Meeting on Wednesday. We have called a special City Council Meeting and it will start at 5:25. I know some of you are here tonight and would like to speak at the end of the Miscellaneous. If you want to speak then you will be allowed to speak but we are actually not going to hear it until Wednesday.

There will not be a City Council Meeting next Monday, March 4, 2013. The next City Council meeting will be, as I stated, Wednesday, February 27. Committee will meet at 5:25. And on March 11, we will have one at 5:30 and the committee will meet at 5:20.

First under Miscellaneous, I have the Fire Chief, Mike Connelly. Is he in...

**Fire Chief Connelly:** Madam President, Council.

**President Robinson:** Okay, thanks for coming. You had sent us out an email about the dryers and washers and then some other...some trauma information and so we...I've had Council members ask me to have you come tonight and we wanted to get it into the record so could you kind of explain the email that you sent out please.

**Fire Chief Connelly:** Okay. I was posed with two questions: One regarding a Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support class that is put on by Deaconess and the other was about the plan for the spending of the money that was appropriated for the washers and dryers.

So first, I'll answer the question about the medical training and it is summarized in my email that as most professional organizations do, they try to continually enhance their ability to serve. Our organization is no different. We want to improve our service to the community. Part of that improvement in service is enhancing our training by participating in the Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support class put on by Deaconess and I have Kevin Hendrickson here from Deaconess, the EMS Trauma Out-Reach Coordinator, to answer any questions about the class. But to schedule the class, it takes eight hours for the class to be conducted. They can hold up to 30 people in the class. In order for us to have that many people scheduled on-duty, it would have been, in my opinion, prohibitive because

it would reduce out coverage for the City and we want to be sure and provide adequate fire service to the City. So, on-duty training was ruled out. Off-duty training was entertained but most guys have second jobs and they aren't going to give up their secondary incomes to come and participate in a voluntary class so I selected mandatory off-duty training, which according to the union contract, requires compensation. In that case then it would insure 100% participation in the class.

**President Robinson:** So they'll get overtime for...

**Fire Chief Connelly:** Correct.

**President Robinson:** What is going to be the total cost of that overtime?

**Fire Chief Connelly:** The estimated total dollar amount for all firefighters to be trained would be roughly \$80,000.

**Councilman O'Daniel:** Can they bank that money?

**Fire Chief Connelly:** Yes

**Councilman O'Daniel:** So what is that going to bring the bank to as far as unfunded liabilities that will add to what the Fire Department has?

**Fire Chief Connelly:** It will add roughly \$80,000 to it.

**Councilman O'Daniel:** And was this known during the budgetary process last year?

**Fire Chief Connelly:** No it wasn't.

**Councilman Friend:** Chief, we don't have a master plan and whatever else but are you planning to use this as a pre-cursor to bring back in the ambulance service back in the Fire Department?

**Fire Chief Connelly:** That would cost a lot more money.

**Councilman Friend:** That's about a million and a half. I just wanted to know, I mean, if that was going to be somewhere you thought that was in the cards.

**Fire Chief Connelly:** That would be an entertained idea but we would have to look at long-term financing and a long-term plan for that. What this provides for us right now is an increase in our ability to provide emergency medical service to the community.

**Councilman Adams:** So if I understand you correctly, and I really do want to understand, your concept is that there is very...a knowledge base within your department and you are trying to get everybody up to an equal level in terms of how to be the first responder and up-to-date materials.

**Fire Chief Connelly:** It's interesting when I talk about improving service; guys take pride in doing a good job already, so I have to balance that factor. Yes, we do a good job but there is always room for

improvement. I love sports analogies...Peyton Manning won a Super Bowl against the Chicago Bears, but did he quit practicing football? No, he's continuing to strive and move forward. And we are dealing with life and death issues. We need to get every competitive advantage we can in saving peoples' lives and preventing them from being disabled.

**Councilman Adams:** So to ask my question again, you have some people that are more aware of where they're at and you are trying to get everybody up to a level standard of response care?

**Fire Chief Connelly:** Yes.

**Councilman Adams:** Okay. And is there something about this particular course that will bring new materials in? I guess you (*Inaudible*) from that course.

**Fire Chief Connelly:** Yes. Kevin Hendrickson is here from Deaconess.

**Councilman Adams:** Terrific.

**Fire Chief Connelly:** He can answer any questions you have about the improvement of care.

**Councilman Lindsey:** Chief, I've got a question for you.

**Fire Chief Connelly:** Yes sir.

**Councilman Lindsey:** On your email you sent back, you said that, "The sooner the patient is admitted to the hospital, the more time the doctors have to work with the golden hour. Reducing on-scene time improves survivability because a trauma patient is admitted to the hospital sooner". Now we both know that we...what we do on the scene does not in any way...it affects survivability but it doesn't affect transport time because AMR transports the patients.

**Fire Chief Connelly:** Correct.

**Councilman Lindsey:** So it's just kind of the opposite of what your statement is here...that what we do is going to affect transport time. Not only that, we can only respond at the level that we are certified, which is either an EMT or a first responder so if Dan was to teach me how to do heart surgery, I still couldn't perform because I'm still only an EMT and I still only work at the level.

So I don't understand why...you know, the dollar amount to the training doesn't match up for me as I see it.

**Fire Chief Connelly:** I would like to start to respond and then let Kevin finish responding. If we reduce our on-scene time, which means if we have the assessed and (*Inaudible*) ready for transport when the ambulance arrives, that reduces on-scene time. So if we can do that quicker, that's the point.

**Kevin Hendrickson:** Thank you. One of the things that I would like to say is I would like to say that trauma course, it is standard kind of throughout the country. There are a couple of different pre-hospital courses but this particular course is, you know, military recognized, it is the main training program for a

lot of ambulance providers and, you know, the premise of this whole course is it reflects the things that are changing with trauma care. You know one of the main examples is tourniquet use. If a person has a severely injured extremity and there is life threatening bleeding, you know there is a new way that we are controlling that bleeding and that is through the use of something called a tourniquet and, you know, the tourniquet once applied can stop the bleeding and then the goal is to get the person the right place in the right time the first time.

So, you know, Deaconess Hospital is a Level II trauma center. We are blessed in the community to have two trauma centers and we have very much enjoyed working with the Fire Department on many educational initiatives. You know, this trauma effort in the community is a priority of ours so we just felt that this training could bring what's been learned and shown in military conflict into the civilian world to make an improvement with trauma care and bleeding control is just one example.

So, again, it's really increasing the level of training by bringing in new material that's been learned with how to provide good trauma care to the citizens of Evansville.

**Councilman Adams:** I know the military is doing some experimentation on a new kind of biological glue that you can stuff in an injured abdomen and also in a wound, which will, allegedly, increase the golden hour to perhaps the two. How far away do you think we are before we can that down to our level, using it in an urban setting?

**Kevin Hendrickson:** Well, one of the things beyond a tourniquet is there are some dressings that have some agents within the dressings that can be put either on the wound or in the wound and it constricts the blood vessels and also helps stop bleeding. The surgeon, Dr. Vassy is the Trauma Director at Deaconess Hospital, you know, as best as I know it, they feel like the effort should be more an application of tourniquet. Some of the police forces are already carrying the tourniquet. We are hoping that the Fire Department might start to carry the tourniquet. You know, application of a tourniquet is probably better for short-term lifesaving treatment.

**Councilman Adams:** Sure.

**Kevin Hendrickson:** If there is a delay...can't get the tourniquet to work or something like that then the application of a dressing with that type of agent in it could be considered.

So, again, there are several ways to go about, you know, providing trauma care. What this course does is it shows the things that have been demonstrated to have success, the tourniquet being one of those things.

**Councilman Adams:** It occurs to me the old use of rotating tourniquets to play with heart failure...will they start to use that again, and if anything, to decrease the volume as opposed to maintaining it?

**Kevin Hendrickson:** Well again, that's one of the things that is constant...is change, and so the pendulum is back and forth. You we not too awfully long ago, we were told that tourniquets were the last thing to do. We were told that if you applied a tourniquet that it would mean loss of limb and now what they are showing is they're showing that once a tourniquet is applied and all bleeding has been stopped, you know, you have several hours sometimes to manage that patient.

So you know, again, we work so closely with our trauma surgeons, orthopedic surgeons, but you know, the issue with trauma care is time. And so again, first response care has to be at its best in order to give the person the best chance of not dying. You know you can get the person 30 minutes, an hour later, at a wonderful trauma center, shock has already happened and shock is many times irreversible.

So the thing that the Fire Department does so well is they embrace, you know, changes. They are willing to step up to the plate and let us...we are the leaders in trauma care in the community, they allow us to teach them. Again, Deaconess is doing this at no cost. We are giving our time and we've done a lot of training for the Fire Department at no cost because it's a community service and benefit for Deaconess as well as the community of Evansville.

**Councilman Adams:** Thank you.

**Kevin Hendrickson:** Thank you.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff Riley:** Yeah, I have a question for you Chief Connelly. Just off your head...I think you know these basic statistics. What's the average response time for the EFD?

**Fire Chief Connelly:** Between three and four minutes.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff Riley:** And then what's the average for AMR? I mean do you...

**Fire Chief Connelly:** They have a significantly longer time to arrive.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff Riley:** Ten minutes? Twelve minutes? I mean...

**Fire Chief Connelly:** I want to say it's 11 minutes and 59 seconds.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff Riley:** About 12 minutes?

**Fire Chief Connelly:** I need to look that up and get an accurate number.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff Riley:** Well what I am trying to look at is the difference in when you arrive on scene, how long you are waiting for the AMR service to...because that seven, eight minutes could be critical and what you're talking about in terms of trauma training might...sounds like a reasonable...especially if you are looking at eight minutes possible before an ambulance is called. I believe there are some situations where an ambulance isn't automatically on the way.

**Fire Chief Connelly:** Correct. For example if all the ambulances in the city are busy, then they will call for mutual aid from another county.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff Riley:** Okay, so you could potentially be...

**Fire Chief Connelly:** We could potentially be on-scene for a while.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff Riley:** Wow. Thank you.



**Councilman McGinn:** Just to clarify. Let's say hypothetically it takes you 30 minutes to get an ambulance there. Will this training, both of you... will this training increase the survivability rate of that guy that is waiting for the ambulance? That's what I want to know.

**Kevin Hendrickson:** It really would because, again, it teaches real important concepts. You know concepts that the Fire Department has but also built on new concepts that have been learned. So you know, again, the PHTLS provider, of course, it's a two-day course, is the model of an ambulance transport agency. This is a new curriculum and the model in this regard is for first response so, you know, we have only taught it one other time and again, it's been a wonderful, this type of course for first responders so it's tailored for the Fire Department and I think we greatly improved their...

**Councilman O'Daniel:** Going forward, would you expect this to be a yearly update that we should budget or is this something that you are probably going to teach one every five years or something like that?

**Kevin Hendrickson:** One of the nice things too is it's a four-year certification and so, you know, about every four years they revise the curriculum if there are changes that need to be brought in but again, really four years. It's a wonderful long-term certification course. Some of the other trauma certifications and two and three years; you know, this is four years so...

**Councilman O'Daniel:** Would it make sense then to stagger this over time where you train a quarter of your officers and then a quarter of your officers next year where they are learning the newer techniques and they can bring that back to the department where you don't necessarily have to pay the overtime?

**Fire Chief Connelly:** We all became first responders; the whole department became first responders all at once. When they implemented the use of AEDs, they implemented the use of AEDs all at once. I think raising the standard of care needs to be 100% across the board.

**Councilman Adams:** Just to play with the time a little bit, if it takes two or three minutes for firemen to get there then it's going to take two or three or four minutes for them to get the person out of the vehicle or perhaps out of the room or whatever it is, probably less than a minute to put the tourniquet on so you are really talking about maybe five, six, seven minutes before the, hopefully, the ambulance gets there. And what you're really trying to do is the time element...it's not only getting there within the first golden hour but also the maintenance of the blood volume, and if you are squirting blood all over the place then obviously you are losing your...your blood volume is going down and that will diminish your survival rate. So this tourniquet idea, for a short period of time, really does make sense.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff Riley:** Is there anything that would be taught in this course that wouldn't be able to be used. I mean to Al's point that you can train him how to do heart surgery but he can still only act as an EMT, is this course staying within first responder and EMT level?

**Kevin Hendrickson:** The previous provider course that's taught for ambulance providers really would not have but the nice thing about this is it's specifically designed for first response. You know, Deaconess, Dr. Peter Stevens is the Medical Director for the Fire Department; we write the protocols for the Fire Department, so the course is totally appropriate for the Fire Department first responders.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff Riley:** Thank you.

**President Robinson:** Any other questions?

*TAPE CHANGE*

**President Robinson:** We'll talk about extractors. Thank you.

**Fire Chief Connelly:** Okay. Again, thanks for the appropriation of the funds. The email had asked about the estimated cost of \$165,000. We were appropriated \$155,000, and that was a quick snapshot view of what we had previously purchased for washers and an estimated cost for new dryers for the turnout gear.

When we were appropriated the finds, I appointed a committee by delegation to the Assistant Chief, Paul Anslinger. We have three members from the union and members of the administration working together to make sure that we wisely spend this money on quality equipment in the most efficient manner. I summarized what the committee has done so far in the email but I'm going to delegate any questions about the washer/extractor project to Chief Anslinger and the committee.

**Councilman Lindsey:** I'd like to, if I can...

**President Robinson:** Yes Councilman Lindsey.

**Councilman Lindsey:** Chief Connelly you mentioned that, you know, you kind of threw something together for the Council but I've got a copy of an email that I sent you on June 26 of 2012 and I'll read it to you. It says, "Chief, as you prepare your budget for the upcoming year, one issue that I think needs to be addressed is adding washing machines", *(at the time it was washing machines before we upgraded to extractors)*, "to the stations who do not have any. This is a safety and health issue that has not been addressed appropriately by past administrations. *(Inaudible)* I am on the Finance Committee and we will be reviewing the budgets from the different departments". Now that's in June of 20...June 26, okay. So the reason I say that is, you know, this has been a process that has been going on for quite a while and another thing I would like to...if you want Chief Anslinger to address some of these questions I have that would be fine too. So this has been a...something has been going on for a while so it's not like it's just came up here in the last couple of weeks or at the time of the budget hearings. That was in June of 2012.

Okay, so we...of course we got together and we decided it was quite a process as I remember because according to the Finance Chairman, the Friday before we were to have the final Budget Hearings, there was not a penny left in the budget for these extractors and dryers. So the Finance Chair took it upon himself to address Russ and I hope...I guess yourself. Was the Chief in there also when you were talking about this or was it just Russ when you were talking about the fact that we wanted this money in for these extractors and these dryers? Was the Chief in there with you when you were having that conversation with Russ?

**Councilman Friend:** Yes. It was on a Friday prior to the Monday commencement of the Finance Chair. What it was at the time, we were looking at about \$155,000 at the time; we thought we could get about half of them in in this budget cycle and then maybe bring the other half in in the next budget cycle. But during, you recall, when we got into the debate that Monday, we thought that we had some rainy day money that we could transfer over to (*Inaudible*).

**Councilman Lindsey:** That was for the other half. We had the half appropriated. The Monday...the Friday before the Monday that we were in the final budget hearing, there was not a penny in our budget for these extractors or for these dryers and with our Finance Chair and working with Russ, we were able to get half that Friday. So as we got to the meeting, we were able to come up with the rainy day fund to get the other half. Now we were going to go ahead and expedite this money but we decided...we figured out that we couldn't do that. So what we did was we took the entire amount...the reason I'm coming through with this...we took the entire amount out of the rainy day fund and then at budget time we were going to put the other half back in. We could go ahead because we had to advertise to do that so that's why we...so that was at the end of December, our last meeting in December. Okay, so I'm just trying to get a timeframe here.

Now here's the deal. You know, we get you the money, we push it through, you know, because this is important. It's important to me, it's important to everybody on this department. It should be important to everybody in this city and in this room because we are talking about cancer, we are talking about things that...to keep these things from happening, to make it less likely, because that's now the number one killer of firefighters, it's cancer. So I mean we are all on board with that. Here is my question. You know, we give you the money, we expedite the money, we told you at the time...we didn't ask you to low-ball it, we didn't ask you to give us a ballpark figure. We told you that we wanted exactly the amount that was needed. Okay, all right. So we've done our part. We've gotten the money for you. We expedited the process and now it's two months later and here we find out that you've put together a committee. Now that seems to me like putting the horse behind the cart. I mean, that's the way I see this.

You know it's upsetting to me as a Councilman, and especially the firefighters, that this doesn't seem to be a priority to you. You know we didn't ask you to lowball it. We didn't ask you to form a committee. If you were going to form a committee, that committee should have been...well, let's say June. June would have been a good time to get that committee together. Now my point is this that not one machine has been put in a fire station. As far as I know until like a couple of days ago, there wasn't even any movement as far as finding out what it was going to take to put those in. I want to know where we are at with this, how long is this going to be drug on, and another thing I'd like to know is, in your email, you specifically state that one of your options is that, with the committee, is researching and out-servicing the cleaning and repairs of PPE. That's not an option. That wasn't given to you as an option. You know, your option is to take our money that you were appropriated and put these machines in these fire stations in timely manner. What I mean by timely is not at a pace that you feel comfortable with. We need to put them in at a pace that we feel comfortable with and the firefighters. Now I don't feel comfortable with the pace that we are going with two months later and nothing has happened.

I want these machines in these stations and I don't want to read emails about excuses and about committees. Okay, this committee should have been formed in June, or at the latest when we first

started talking about these machines. That's what I'm going to say about that. I'll allow you to have your say.

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** Paul Anslinger, Assistant Fire Chief. The committee, which like I said, the members are here and you are more that welcome to ask those gentlemen to come up and speak on this too. Three of them are from the local. You've got Local 357 President Larry Zuber is here too. The committee has been meeting on a weekly basis as of the first of the year to...basically to discuss the equipment that we currently have, the equipment we want to buy.

The numbers that were originally presented, you know, at the time, I presented those numbers. They were numbers that had been gotten by our Health & Safety Chief. They were for a 20 lb. capacity extractor. Well after...the committee's been doing some research on the equipment that we have. Well, PPE, even though it's designed to be...protect the firefighters as they go into the buildings, there are certain limitations what you can do with these items as far as washing them. Most extractors run at a high rate of speed and the idea of the extractors is the high spin eliminates most of the water from the cycle, which makes it a lot quicker to dry. Well most extractors that are out there run at 350 Gs. PPE cannot be dried or be washed at over 100 Gs. It cannot be washed at over 105° as far as water temperature. There are a lot of other variables that go into that.

The committee has been discussing the current sizes that we have. I had, like I said; originally got the numbers together that were previously there, you know, to get the Council some numbers that were for 20 lb. capacity machines. The committee has, through our own research, I mean we feel that a 30 lb. capacity machine makes more sense because of the bulkiness of the gear. If you put one...if you put too much stuff into an extractor, you know, if it's basically packed in the machine, it's just going to sit there and go round, I mean just basically with the drum itself, it won't actually agitate or wash properly or you won't get a very thorough rinse. So that's why the committee has looked at this, trying to figure out, number one, the right size capacity machine, which we think a 30 lb. capacity machine is proper. You've got to make sure that that extractor can either be programed to run at a certain Gs and certain water temperature.

Currently the equipment we have at the stations, it runs at a high G force. There is no way to reprogram that thing to make it run slower. There's no way to program it, on those units, to reduce the temperature of the water. The only way you can reduce that is just by setting the temperature on the water heater at a lower temperature.

As far as the drying, drying you cannot...is not recommended by every turnout gear manufacturer and the fabric manufacturer about not tumble-drying it. You know heat is, I mean oddly enough, heat is bad for PPE even though it goes in and protects firefighters in a fire, and it is not good for drying it or for washing it. Well so they don't recommend tumble-dryers. Well we have one station that has a tumble-dryer in it. Well, I mean, we would recommend that we would replace it with a four-stair dryer or a four-stair cabinet.

You know, I mean, so we've been doing our research on this as far as the equipment. You know, the size of the equipment and then also going out, which we didn't at the time, you know, previously, but first we had to get the equipment. We talked to different contractors to get an idea what it would cost to install these in the firehouses. Well they have to first know what the voltage is, whether it's a single

phase or three phase; they have to know the equipment that's going to go in there first before they can actually go out to give a better estimate on the...to get it installed.

So until we actually get the equipment we pretty well...we've determined that most the equipment we are looking at, regardless of the make and model of it, they are all going to be about the same voltage, the same amperage draw, things of that nature, same water capacity drainage. We just recently had a...now these are very rough numbers understand, but we actually had a general contractor went to the stations to give us a ballpark on what we think before we have to go out for bids because this whole process will be lengthy because of the cost of both the installation and the actual equipment. We anticipate that the cost just to install, because none of these firehouses are ready to have an extractor with dryer just put into them. I mean there is electrical that has to be ran, setting secondary water heaters that are closer to the extractors and those things. Some of we will have to build a concrete pedestal. Every firehouse we are going to have to deal with. We are going to have to cut out concrete, jackhammer it out, excavate it and then run the drainage lines.

What we have...like said, this is just a budgetary number I got from Mid-West Construction, we're over \$150,000 just to install these units.

**President Robinson:** And that doesn't include the unit itself.

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** No Ma'am.

**President Robinson:** Okay.

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** And what we anticipate just by looking at the different size capacity machines and the dryers, and we're...we can anticipate...the whole idea is buying this stuff for long-term. You know, we anticipate by choosing a different size capacity machine, four-stair cabinets, things of this nature, we would anticipate that the price is probably going to be closer to \$130,000 for the equipment but we are investing in it for a life-time on this stuff. We didn't want to buy the cheapest stuff out there just because of the longevity of it.

**President Robinson:** In your email, it looks like you prefer to outsource this. Do you have a cost of outsourcing it?

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** Well, the whole of idea of outsourcing was...because with this process here is just like Councilman Lindsey stated that we are taking a long time. Right now, we need to get the gear cleaned and get it repaired. The recommendation is instead of waiting to get all this equipment installed into the stations, is to go ahead and outsource it while we're going through this process.

**President Robinson:** So that's just temporarily.

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** Correct.

**President Robinson:** Okay, it doesn't read like that. So what type of cost are we going to incur to outsource it?

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** Well we've been dealing with Don's Cleaners on this, you know, just had some discussion. Basically they will clean each set of PPE, coat and pants, for \$25.00 per set. The biggest advantage about having Don's doing this right now while we are having it outsourced is as soon as it goes to Don's to be cleaned, they will clean it, inspect it, they are going to put a barcode in it, and they'll make any repairs as the stuff comes in to be washed. I mean there are advantages to both ways of it. I...you know, having it in-house, accessible, is the best I would say. It's close. Maybe the guys will maybe wash their gear more often if they have a machine in their house but right now, we need to make sure we get the gear...so we can go through this...so we can go through this proper process. We don't want to just rush to buying this equipment, you know, without buying the right equipment.

**President Robinson:** So we are talking about almost \$300,000.

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** Yes.

**President Robinson:** From \$165...

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** Well, going off of what our...what the committee is I will say recommending. I mean these aren't final numbers. This is just what we've...looked at the equipment. No matter what the manufacturer is of the extractors, we are still looking in the same...anywhere from a \$4,100 up to a \$5,800 machine and then the same thing with the drying cabinets. It's variable but within a few hundred dollars, you know, figure \$4,500 to \$4,800 for the drying cabinets.

**President Robinson:** Finance Chairman, where's this money coming from, this extra hundred thirty-some thousand?

**Councilman Friend:** Well I mean, the only thing I can say is that's over and above the 155. Good question.

**Councilman Adams:** We can take it out of the IT budget.

**Councilman Friend:** Pardon me?

**Councilman Adams:** We can take it out of the bloated IT budget.

**Councilman Friend:** Yeah that's a good spot. We have 500 grand setting over there. We could do that.

**Councilman Adams:** Take a step back here. The temperature you are looking for is 105° or higher than 105°?

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** 105°.

**Councilman Adams:** And do you have a temperature that is being heated higher than 105°?

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** Well the current machine that we have, we have no way of regulating the temperature with the exception of reducing the dial on the water heater, but like I said, most of the machines that we are looking at, it's the same deal.

**Councilman Adams:** Well what's wrong with just dialing down the water heater because a human being can't tolerate more than 105°? I don't know anybody that takes a shower of 110°.

**Councilman McGinn:** You do it once.

**Councilman Adams:** Yeah, do it once yeah and then you slough your skin with a second-degree burn. I'm serious, I mean, what's wrong with just turning...

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** Well no, I mean the difference there is I mean once you go with a basic extractor machine, which is what we originally had priced out to get an idea of a quote price, I mean there are no...there are very few programs to it. I meant it comes factory set with six different settings and it's recommended, you know, they've got, you know, one setting may have a pre-wash, another may have two wash cycles, you know, a high temperature rinse. There is no way of controlling that. I mean, obviously, you know, if the water heater is set farther away from the unit, well it's going to draw in a whole lot of cold water out of the, you know, removing the water out of the pipes until it starts drawing the warm air out there. There is no way of really controlling that unless the units are really close to the extractor.

**Councilman Adams:** Pipes probably won't have more than a gallon or two in terms of getting it from cold to hot. That will take less than a minute. I'm just saying that if you can set the temperature to 105 or less, that will take care of that particular problem. The problem that I'm having a little trouble with, we have an ongoing exposure of carcinogens to the Fire Department staff and I keep wondering, and please, I'm not a lawyer, I keep wondering about the medical/legal liability of a known carcinogen exposure without a pretty prompt method of taking care of it and if Don's Cleaners can do that...

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** That's the idea, I mean because...

**Councilman Adams:**...then I think we've got safety built in for people who need it.

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** Right. The idea of the outsourcing (*Inaudible*), because we knew this number after doing our research, and it's more than just the temperature. I mean that's just...you can program these machines that it...

**Councilman Adams:** No, I got that.

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:**...the temperature within a few degrees, you know, so it's all in the programming, but like I said, there is a process because once we even make the selection, I mean we've still got to come back and make the additional funding to basically, number one, you know, we are going to use all the money that you got us just to buy the equipment that we feel fits the departments' needs. Then we've got to get it installed. Well there's that whole process of going out, advertising it for bids, getting the bids back...

**Councilman Adams:** How big is your budget?

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:**...getting the contract...

**Councilman Adams:** Your total budget for the Fire Department?

**Fire Chief Connelly:** Twenty-five million.

**Councilman Adams:** How much?

**Fire Chief Connelly:** Twenty-five million.

**Councilman Adams:** Then we are looking for another \$300,000, is that what...

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** Hundred and thirty-five.

**President Robinson:** One hundred thirty-five. Then we need money for in between for Don's Cleaners.

**Councilman Adams:** You can fix your problem, real quick. I mean, you really can. And again, I would love for you guys to tell me when the first actual thing will be installed to the first fire station. My birthday, July 12<sup>th</sup>? Julius Caesar's birthday, July 12<sup>th</sup>?

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** Well if we can the commitment to increase the equipment, the amount for that, I mean, we've just got to make a decision on putting out the bids as far as what the extractors, you know, set our parameters as far as, you know to send it out for bids. We can get our bids back. Same thing, I mean once we know the equipment as far as the voltage, water supplies, pressure, all that stuff associated with that equipment, we can have the contra...we can do the same thing with contractors, advertise it, get three bids, have the Safety Board approve it...

**Councilman Adams:** Do me a favor. Send me a date when you can figure one out.

**Councilman Lindsey:** What's your capital improvement budget for the year? 2013?

**Fire Chief Connelly:** I'll have to look that up. I don't have it (*Inaudible*)

**Councilman Lindsey:** Because I that's...wouldn't this be capital improvement?

**Councilman Friend:** Yeah, I just wondered...this (*Inaudible*) to Russ...

**Councilman Lindsey:** I mean, I think that would be a priority over whatever else they decide to do.

**Councilman Friend:** Since Russ, you're in there. What...how much money we...you still got left in that COIT? We have any of that money left over...that the state happened to find. You remember that one. Used like 1.2...3 million of that.



**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Russ Lloyd, Controller. Council reallocated half of that for the sidewalk project...

**Councilman Friend:** Yeah.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:**...road project, but there is unallocated COIT money available or there are still other rainy day funds available. I mean, we can come up with funding.

**Councilman O'Daniel:** Assistant Chief Anslinger, what's the next...when is your next meeting? Do you have another meeting with this committee?

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** Yes, the 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Councilman O'Daniel:** What's that supposed to discuss?

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** What we are talking about tonight. I mean we are trying to get it narrowed down to what the equipment we think we can...we should be buying. I mean, still have to come back for the Council's approval because of the additional funding. We just don't think it's best to buy, you know, the smaller capacity machine just because of budgetary...because of the cost of it. What's important about the (*Inaudible*), you know, we see the need like Doc said. We've got to get it taken care of right now. You know, if we are allowed to use some of that money that's been, you know that \$155,000, if we could use some of it whether you earmark, say we'll give you, you know, \$25,000 just for that while we finish this process...

**President Robinson:** Have you compared the cost of outsourcing to doing it now in the house? Just start outsourcing, immediately.

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** Well we know what it costs to wash the gear. I mean now to have it fixed, they are basically charging an hourly rate to fix it.

**President Robinson:** That \$25.00 does not include repairs.

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** No repairs, no that's just strictly washing it.

**Councilman Lindsey:** That would be a hard budget to figure. You could guestimate it but the fact is if you make three fires, your station makes three fires in a week, you know, then if the other stations doesn't make any, they would determine, it'd be determined by the amount of use and the exposure that your equipment was given would be what would dictate what it would cost to keep all the departments clean, unless it was a (*Inaudible*). Even if they did it like every six months to everyone, you would still have to have your front on your equipment cleaned as you used it so it could (*Inaudible*). There is no way to determine that unless you just guessed how many fires you think you are going to have

**Councilman O'Daniel:** You can probably extrapolate that over the course of there year but you see my point though, is that we can committee these things until July, December, whatever else, and they never get installed, and I think the reason that...think of the capital budget for this year. Only half of that money was allocated and we were able to find, as a council, the other to make sure we got it done. Now

we are talking it's double that. Now I appreciate the efforts that have been gone through to do that but at some point, we need to stop talking about it and stop examining it in committee and act because there are lives at stake. And I think each of us as a Council member saw that. Chief, I think you saw that, and I know Al is our resident expert here, he sees that too and is very passionate about it and I share that passion. So I would like, really like to see more activity and say look, this is the date that we are shooting for. And that at least gives us a goal. Say look, April 1<sup>st</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, whatever it is. Something we can track. But if we don't have anything that says July 12<sup>th</sup> or whatever that date may be that Doc said, then we are going to come back here in two or three months and well, we are still settling it.

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** Well each meeting that we've had, I mean like said, if you want some of the other committee members to come up, I mean we are not rehashing the same thing over and over. I mean we just recently were able to pull information to compare to the four extractors that we currently have in the stations. Like I said, the four extractors that we have in the stations, they run at a high G force, a lot higher than is recommended by the gear manufacturers and by the fabric manufacturers. We've got no way to...I mean, that just came to our attention. We weren't really planning on doing anything with the four stations that currently have them but they all recommended because they said it definitely shortens the life...you know, washing the gear is very important because that, you know, extends the life of the gear by having clean gear. But washing it and then running at a high G force for extraction, then we are also destroying the gear too, so that part's being addressed. We just found that out. I mean, we could, I mean if we could have some sort of a, I mean, if we are willing to pay more to buy the better equipment versus just buying the cheapest equipment out there, I mean I don't see why we can't just make a decision, send out our bids here in the next couple of weeks with the deadline of, you know, we advertise it, whatever the process is of advertising it in the paper for two weeks or whatever. Given the manufacturer's, you know, whatever time period, you know, two weeks to respond back; get approval from the Safety Board and then we could do the same process with the...to have it installed. But like I said, understanding we are looking at a lot more than \$155,000 that was originally budgeted for this. So apparently...

**Councilman Lindsey:** So when did you know these dollar amounts, how much this was going to cost? When did you get these figures?

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** As far as the most recent ones?

**Councilman Lindsey:** Yeah. When did you get the final figures that you figure this is going to cost, like \$300,000?

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** Well they are not final figures. I got...today I got numbers from the estimated...for the installation. I got that today.

**Councilman Lindsey:** Okay, when did you, okay when did you contact the contractors about installing them, *(Inaudible)* these machines? Are you waiting to get the machines that you wanted exactly and then you we going to get the....

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** We had a...yes...we had to have a better idea as far as the size of the machine, whether or not it was a single-phase...

**Councilman Lindsey:** Okay.

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:**...plus we had to go out to the stations to evaluate, you know, whether the stations had, you know, three-phase or single-phase in a station, whether or not we felt that the capacity of the current electrical units...I mean we've got four stations that, you know, we feel we are going to have more of an electrical issue because of the size of the circuit breaker panel that's in there. That's, you know, Station 4, 15, 17 and 6, because of the age of the station. But every one of these is going to require the contractors to go in there, jackhammer up the floor, drainpipes and whatever.

But like I said, the numbers they gave me, these are just strictly budgetary so I have something to present to Council so I have a rough estimate. It's not like a residential where you just slide against the wall and hook it up.

**Councilman Lindsey:** All right. Thank you.

**President Robinson:** Okay, so you've been meeting weekly. When you do really...give me a time frame. When will you be completed with this? How long...

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** Making the assumption that we are going to pay the extra money, making the assumption we are going to buy the better equipment and install it, when can you come back with some hard numbers?

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** I could say three weeks. That would have the...

**President Robinson:** How long...when you meet weekly, what are you meeting, ten minutes?

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** I don't know.

**Councilman McGinn:** Can I jump in here real quick? Can I jump in here? A couple of things here. You've got to get creative as a department head, trust me. You got to be able to reprioritize what's in your capital budget. Get cash tomorrow and then worry about filling that in, letting us fill in what you borrowed from another project, you know, speed things up. You don't have to wait until you have awarded a contract to seek your bids, you know, do your contract the same day you award it. You know a meeting off, Safety Board. Talk to somebody who has been bidding stuff out forever. Talk to Kerry Kamp over in BPW. Find out how you cut this short and stay legal, and then you know, but let us go to work on some additional money but think about what you can prioritize or reprioritize the capital budget. If you don't need to buy nozzles until September and you've got \$130,000 over there, let's move it over to this line item with obviously the right, you know permission and okays to do it. I'll help you do the shortcuts; I know them all.

Okay, and then let us try to fill in the gap and replace some money that maybe you are going to have to reprioritize. We'll work on that.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** I had a question too. This first one is for Al. Is it appropriate for your equipment to, in terms of reducing carcinogens, to be cleaned every time that you work a fire?

**Councilman Lindsey:** Yes.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** What will the policy be in the meantime? Can you assure us that each firefighter that goes into a fire between now and when this equipment is installed, that we are going to take their equipment to Don's Cleaners? And what are we going to do in the meantime?

**Councilman Weaver:** What's the turnaround time going to be though?

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** Well I don't know what you're talking about potentially coming back in three weeks. There's probably a fire somewhere in the city tonight. What do we do in the meantime and again, how can you prioritize your budget to cover that out...that temporary outsourcing, because I'm concerned about tonight and tomorrow and this idea of you paying to have equipment cleaned in the meantime is a hell of an, excuse me, incentive to get this project done. And I apologize for that.

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** Well I think, I mean that's primarily the goal we would like to get done right now is go ahead because most of the gear that the guys are wearing have not been washed, so go ahead and start getting it, at least getting a good, deep cycle wash, get done on it, get any repairs that need to be done right now. But I mean that's going to be a process because they are going to have to be able to do it, because Don's is saying they can probably...they can do two a day, a two-day turnaround as far as washing. You know obviously maybe take another day or so as far as the repairs to be made. So we have to make sure the firefighters are doing it on their four days, scheduled days off, but then we have to work out a process of how they bag it and tag it and then we get it picked up, take it there to Don's. The same process you're going to run into is if the guys are on four-days, they work Friday night get off Saturday morning. Well, Don's is closed on, you know, Saturday, Sunday there. I mean so if there are repairs to be made, trying to get that stuff washed and repaired in a two-day turnaround on Monday, Tuesday would be the issue. But...

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** Can you put together a policy? I mean you if you're going to come back in three weeks with some ideas about costs, can you also come back with an idea of what we are going to do while we wait?

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** We have a PPE inspection and cleaning policy in place now.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** That's correct. I understand that.

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** Right now it is the responsibility of the firefighters...

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** I understand that.

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:**...to clean that, and that's what we are trying to change is to make it the departments' responsibility because we know how serious it is. It's in place now.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** I know but right now it's the responsibility of the firefighter to bear that cost and we are talking about shifting over to a completely...of you bearing that cost and I'm just...my question is, are you willing to take on that cost in the meantime?

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** Yes.

**Councilman Adams:** I guess I'm starting to hear washing and repairing which sort of mixes things. All I want is the carcinogens exposure to go down as soon as possible. The repairs, I think there is another issue completely. Maybe not to you but in terms of who gets cancer next month or next year, the repairs are not part of that issue. So if you could come back in three weeks and tell us what you need us what you need and how soon we can get it...

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** I'll try to expedite.

**Councilman Adams:**...that would be awesome at least as I...I look at carcinogens.

**President Robinson:** I have a suggestion. Councilman Adams or Councilman Lindsey, they are the liaisons for the City Council and I would suggest that one of those gentlemen be put on your committee. Is anyone willing to serve?

*(Inaudible)*

**President Robinson:** Councilman Adams, would you be willing to...

**Councilman Adams:** Sure.

**President Robinson:** I would like to see him on the committee so that he could stay in contact closely with us and we can hopefully try to expedite this.

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** Okay

**Councilman Adams:** *(Inaudible)*

**President Robinson:** Okay, thank you.

**Assistant Fire Chief Anslinger:** Thank you.

**Councilman Friend:** One other question. Your physicals, normally we used to do them in town. We used people in town but now you are taking up in Indianapolis on those physicals. You remember that was that one deal with Chief Jarboe left that out of that. That was \$75,000 number and then we came back in and had to replenish that account. Am I to understand these physicals are now going out of town instead of in town and if we are doing that, does it cost any more money than what we normally have been exposed to?

**Fire Chief Connelly:** Okay, in the budget, there was appropriated \$100,000 for physicals and Public Safety Medical as the agency providing them and they are coming in town and providing for us.

**Councilman Friend:** Is there any reason why the people in town here, why would want to cut them out? I'm just asking.

**Fire Chief Connelly:** We put out a Request for Proposal. St. Mary's, Pro Rehab, Deaconess Hospital, and Public Safety Medical and all three agencies locally could do but Public Safety Medical already does. They have dealt with Public Safety Medical health evaluations for over 20 years and that is all they do.

**President Robinson:** But Deaconess and St. Mary's can also do it?

**Fire Chief Connelly:** They could but they do not provide it in the same way that Public Safety Medical does now. They already have systems in place up and running. Cadillac physicals.

**President Robinson:** What's the difference? Is the physical more detailed, I mean, what's the difference.

**Fire Chief Connelly:** Yes it is, yes it is. I can provide you guys a copy of the contract if you would like. It explains every medical evaluation that's being done to every firefighter and I can send you a copy of that.

**President Robinson:** Okay, thank you. Any other questions from any Council members? Okay.

**Larry Zuber:** Larry Zuber, president, Evansville Professional Firefighters, Local 357. In a comment with Public Safety Medical, I've met with several members of other unions across the State of Indiana, including Ft. Wayne and Indianapolis. This is on the union side of this. I've also met with members of Public Safety Medical. As Chief Connelly alluded to, this is what they do. They understand my job. They understand what firefighters do for a living. They have geared their practice specifically to public safety, fire departments in general. Over 200 fire departments are their clients. I've talked directly to the owner, Dr. Moffat himself. As far as the executive board for the Local 357, we are 100% on board with this particular company. They know what it takes to get us back to work and fixed up the way we were before. They are very extensive on their research as far as record keeping as of certain ailments or injuries to firefighters. They keep very detailed records over the last 20 years of what rehab has worked, what rehab has not. I can't go on enough about Public Safety Medical as far as the Indianapolis, both the administration side and the union side of it. Dr. Moffat and his crew...very, very professional. Again, they understand what firefighters do. Not knocking St. Mary's or Deaconess. I'm excited. I'm getting a 12-lead EKG for the first time in 22 years, other than when I came on. And until cancers, heart attacks were the leading killers of firefighters, and heart disease. It's still the number one killer of firefighters in the line of duty. I'm getting an EKG for the same amount of money. Correct Chief? So. For \$25,000 more and I've not had my heart checked in 22 years. So it's well worth the money. Again, not knocking Deaconess or those guys but this company understands what we do.

**President Robinson:** Thank you. Any other questions?

At this time, I'm going to turn it over to Councilman Friend.

**Councilman Friend:** Well thank you Madam President. What I thought about doing is asking Russ because on Friday, we will be...we are scheduled to do our Gateway postings on Friday and I'd like to

maybe, if you would, kind of give us an update where we are and we might ask a few question if we could go through that.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Yeah Councilman, we've had...we've been entering the year-end, December 31, 2012 balances into Gateway as well as...see my notes here...we've entered the Gateway balances, receipts, disbursements, pending balance, we've gotten all the debt in, all the leases and all the grants and I'd say we are about 85% complete on entering the balances into Gateway.

**Councilman Friend:** Next we...do you think we are going to be on time on Friday?

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Uh-huh

**Councilman Friend:** You say we have a problem with that?

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Yeah, we had a couple of adjustments for the utilities that we're finishing up. We are going to try and get all those in tomorrow. So the deadline was actually March 1st at noon.

**Councilman Friend:** Okay, one thing I notice, when you came before us on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January, there was a...we had a figure of \$4,236. That number shows up. It was small and (*Inaudible*). The minumus amount. What I noticed when I did go through the bank statements on January, on the 31<sup>st</sup> which had been three days after that meeting, there was six million, four hundred and odd dollars of money transferred out of our big account along with another \$972,000 that was transferred out at that point in time for a total of about \$7,500,000.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Right.

**Councilman Friend:** Now my understanding is that that is coming from the...going into the utilities, going back into the utility fund. That's where those funds went. My question is, what methodology did we use, okay, and do we have that methodology documented or a system in place for that particular transfer? Now that's a lot of money.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Right. Yes we do and I had mentioned in that email that that was when we set up the utility, the water utility and the sewer fund, that was something that the State Board had asked the City to do. Historically the City, because the City owns the utility 100%, the City had left those fund in the City's general checking account, but we always kept track of the fund balance, like the actual amount of money that the utility owns. So...and what we...and when we gave that response to the State Board of Accounts, we noted that even though the money was in the same account, it was accounted for separately so that entity, the utility, always had the ability to claim the funds. So even the money was sitting in the City's ...the Civil City's account, the utility is keeping track of their balances, which the Fund 601 or the Fund 606, so that money was always available to them.

**Councilman Friend:** Just curious, why did we do the split in July, I mean at June 30<sup>th</sup>? Why...the reason why is because there's a lot of transactions Russ that occurs in that six-month period of time at the time that you do that. Now you're trying to go into December and try to pull that back in and then you'd think that would be as of June 30<sup>th</sup>. Now I give you an example. Just before the split you had \$8,500,000 sitting in the...this is collectively between Water and Sewer, there was \$8,500,000 sitting in there. If you did the split at that time, at June 30<sup>th</sup> on July 1<sup>st</sup>, we would have gone to \$17,200,000 of

balances in the utility fund account. So we have never ever had that kind of volume, those levels, over there at utility. You follow what I mean because I'm going...I went back and looked at the financial statements as been submitted by the utility department. So that in itself looks like...it looks like an enormous amount of cash that would have been at that date had you done the 7.5 million instead of in January if you moved it all the way back to July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** For the year-end we are reporting the Water utility 3.6 million, the Sewer utility 6.6.

**Councilman Friend:** But we transferred that seven million...

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Right.

**Councilman Friend:**...in January so

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** In January, 2013.

**Councilman Friend:** Yeah, you made that journal entry, you're going to be pulling that back in December if you would say to those (*Inaudible*) because there is no receivable on the Water utility at all. And the other thing you remember, we just went to IURC with a rate increase of a certain amount of money and my question is, it may be the...I'm just asking now, is the cash balances really higher than what we submitted into the IURC when we got our rate increase.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Well I don't have a copy of what they submitted. Their year-end accrual balances should show that receivable.

**Councilman Friend:** Well I don't know. I mean they're not...I looked at the financials, they're not on there so I'm just...I mean I got them right in here. Allen sent them to me today. I'm just asking those questions.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Okay. Yeah and I don't...

**Councilman Friend:** The other thing I was wondering about is that is so happens it seems to be the balance numbers exactly what we really owe back into the...you know, in other words, you look at like this, it looks like if you take the utility and nothing went...I mean, you put it like this, I wrote this down, nothing to do with the bank reconciliations. It's simply an obligation between the two entities.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Right.

**Councilman Friend:** Yeah.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Well and that's why, I mean, you don't need a finance ordinance or anything like that. It's an inter-fund transfer and we are keeping track of the balances of those funds. I mean the utility, they know what the dollar amount of the money is and they have the ability to draw on that if they need it.



**Councilman Friend:** Well I mean I'm just saying. When I went back and looked at that, if we did that transfer, I mean we would have literally had...if you did that as of July 1 by June 30<sup>th</sup>...

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Okay.

**Councilman Friend:**...oh no, let me back up. If you did it as of June 30<sup>th</sup> when you broke it out, okay, you took the 7.5 million in there; we would have been up there close to \$16,000,000 in the combined funds.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Right and that can't be right although the 6.4 million or the 972,000, that was adjustments that came through from July 1 to the end of the year.

**Councilman Friend:** Well yeah. I'm just pulling this up. I got it right here, got it on line.

**Councilman O'Daniel:** So we have an additional \$7,500,000 in the Sewer utility,

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Yes.

**Councilman O'Daniel:** So the amount right now should be about \$14,000,000?

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Yes but we have to...because we...while we were still getting the bank accounts balanced; we didn't make transfer until January 31<sup>st</sup>. So they are going to show additional cash.

**Councilman O'Daniel:** So...I mean but now it would be around 14 million right? Give or take?

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Right. Whatever...I mean I don't have the financials (*Inaudible*).

**Councilman O'Daniel:** Historically...historically, isn't that really pretty high?

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** They've run 10, 11, 12 million.

**Councilman Friend:** I've never seen it that high. I mean that's been pretty high. Normally a lot of times I've always asked of Allen many times how much cash. It's usually around eight million. He's always consistently said \$8,000,000.

I'm looking at the balance sheet right here; I've got it right on line and we got a total of \$5,653,000 sitting in the Sewage Department and when you get out of there and you go into the Water, it's \$2,868,000 so you can see that that's probably around eight and a half million, which normally is historically where we're at. So if the...I'm saying if the transfer were to happen as of that date, you add another seven and a half million, we have a lot of money. I guess my point being is the methodology, or how that's going to be broken out in utility, we are moving that money from the City funds, which is what we deal with over at the utility, which is a rate payer type of fund and we just went through the IURC with the same thing. In other words, I got concerned. I'm just saying from the analysis...I mean, with all due respect Russ...

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** I mean I could show you the balance of the two transfers, the 6.4 million and 972,000, where those came from. Their historic balances, we'd have to pull that, get that for you or have utility...

**Councilman Friend:** Yeah, I mean I need some analysis.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Yeah, we can...

**Councilman Friend:** I'm just talking, you know, like you do...like you and I do when we do an analytical review that would be a major increase in the balances.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** But I'm not sure that amount was in July 1<sup>st</sup>...that amount was six million. I think that's a build up over the rest of the year.

**Councilman Friend:** I don't know. *(Inaudible)*

**Councilman Lindsey:** Would that affect the regulatory boards' decision to either give the rate increase or not, is that what you're saying.

**Councilman Friend:** Of course...

**Councilman Lindsey:** If these cash balances were in the right accounts then wherever they went through our...the process, that it would be...

**Councilman Friend:** If we thought our balances had fallen in such a way that we have to go back to the IURC and ask for another rate increase, *(Inaudible)*

**Councilman Lindsey:** And they would look at the cash balances...

**Councilman Friend:** Hold on just a second...

**Councilman Lindsey:**... and look in our accounts...

**Councilman Friend:** Pardon me.

**Councilman Lindsey:**...they would use the balance in the accounts as part of their...as part of their decision whether or not we need the rate increase or not. Is that what you're saying?

**Councilman Friend:** But it's Water and Sewer A1, but what it amounts to is that usually, the reason we're asking for additional rate increase is our cash balance has fallen to maintain certain things we have to do.

**Councilman Lindsey:** And it looks like it was hidden, is that what you're saying? It looks it wasn't actually their money, it's in the general account. Is that what your...is that what I'm getting out of this. I can't understand what you're...

**Councilman Friend:** The question is why not nine million. I mean, what that money...well you have to have some methodology how that money's been allocated because we go all the way to the 60s on this stuff.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Okay, the rate increase for the water was filed December 2011, I believe.

**Councilman Friend:** Well, I understand.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Yeah, so I mean it was the financial position at that time and if there has been an update, that was given to IURC but it would probably have been before this.

**Councilman O'Daniel:** Russ, what was the...when they broke their...when they broke out in July 1<sup>st</sup> and started their own accounts, was the \$6,000,000 or so that was put into that account, was that seed money from the City or was the money that you could track even within the combined accounts.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** We tracked the money in the combined accounts but we didn't put the six million in back in July. We didn't do that until the end of this year. So I mean they had a couple draws for...I think one was for a million, another was for three million so we made those transfers because we knew they were due that money, that they had additional monies that the City was going to have to give them.

**Councilman O'Daniel:** That's above and beyond this other seven and a half million?

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Yes.

**Councilman O'Daniel:** Where was that written back off?

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** That...I mean the six million was what they are due as of July 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Councilman Friend:** Well Russ, I got your email. It looks like you said you had four million you transferred at one of those times...

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** It was four.

**Councilman Friend:** It was four million in July and August you transferred which I would assume would have been a part of that 9.7 that would have been in July in collectiveness, collective, and then it went to 10.6 million in August and you can see the balances increasing and...but that's even before this transfer that just happened here three days after our 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of \$7,500,000.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** I mean if you want a monthly kind of balance of the utilities, we can get you that, like their cash balances.

**Councilman Friend:** I think we need to get a handle...

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Analysis

**Councilman Friend:**...on cash balances here.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Yeah

**Councilman Friend:** Because obviously when we went through the budget, we didn't know anything about this when the Budget Hearings were going on if you recall. We asked you about this and everything seemed to be fine, I mean...

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Well I don't think you asked me about the utility cash balances.

**Councilman Friend:** We asked about all the cash balances.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** You know the other thing I would offer...Mr. Hedden is going to be in tomorrow so if anybody wants to meet with him, from Umbaugh, he's going to be looking at some of this stuff as well, just to make sure we are on track to finish the year-end. So I'd...

**Councilman Weaver:** Well, is our Council consultant going to be there?

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Yeah, he's going to be.

**Councilman Friend:** I...yeah I think he'll be there. Yeah, we'll have a party with that one. Let's see...

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** The more the merrier.

**Councilman Friend:** Yeah, this time of the year I got all kinds of time. I'll be there.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Right.

**Councilman Friend:** But anyway, the other thing I need to ask you about is this, trial...you're going to get the trial balance to our consultant, correct?

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Yes.

**Councilman Friend:** He's looking for a final trial balance. We'll probably need that. When we have a schedule on this audit? You remember we talked about this. When you and I talked to the Standard and Poors, we wanted to accelerate this audit because of the fact that we have...we have a lot...we have a disclaimer of opinion. We'd like to accelerate out so we can get a clean opinion so because you know we heard we are doing all this bonding, asking for bonds, and to protract this...why can't we not speed this up? When do you plan to have it?

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** The...as I had indicated, we'll have our balances entered into the Gateway system. I mean actually we're...last year we weren't, we weren't able to get those in on time. Part of the problems with the bank recs. So we'll be a week ahead of the game. We had a meeting with

(TAPE CHANGE)...and now one thing, Carla is tied up finishing this arena examination and we've been providing her information on that. Hopefully we can get that wrapped up in the next couple of weeks but I don't know how long it's going to take her to write it up but normally the State Board would come in sometime around the first of May and I don't know that we are going to be able to alter that schedule to get them in here sooner and I don't...

**Councilman Friend:** Did I hear you correctly we are going to try to do GASB 34?

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Yes.

**Councilman Friend:** Well you know we have to do the 45 analyses.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Right.

**Councilman Friend:** It's going to take a lot of time.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Right.

**Councilman Friend:** I'm just asking the wisdom in this because that 34, even though it's going to be modified cash, it's got all kinds of red herrings in it. We have to do estimates. There's a bunch of stuff we have to do in there. And I think maybe the City ought to really consider doing a regulatory audit because it's cash, you know, we've been struggling with cash here lately, okay. I myself would rather let that go until the next because the legislature's going to put a two-year moratorium on that that relates to a mandatory cities to do this. And we...that's only going hurt us and it's going to cost us \$250,000 to do one of these GASB deals under the full one. Maybe the modified one won't be quite as much.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Right. I don't think the modified is going to be that much. It's going to be a lot of work but our commitment is to get a clean accounting opinion and that's what the mayor would like as well. That's what our commitment is...

**Councilman Friend:** Sure, we all do.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:**...after what happened last time.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** I know but I know we get an adverse on the fact that we don't have GASB 34. We won't be in compliance with GAP on that side but we would be within the regulatory.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Right.

**Councilman Friend:** And most people are giving everybody a bye on that. I'm just...I don't know...

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Unless we run into something that would change, our intent is to get a clean audit opinion using GASB 34.

**Councilman Friend:** Well GASB 34 could, I mean could give you a lot of heartburn Russ.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Right. I've had a lot of heartburn so far but I'm looking forward to more.

**Councilman Friend:** I'm going to have to pass out Pepto Bismol®.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** I think we've got a stash in the Controller's office.

**Councilman Friend:** Okay, well Russ, as always, I appreciate everything you do and then *(Inaudible)*

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Right. And I'll get with the utilities and we'll get you some cash balance history so you can look at it.

**Councilman Friend:** Okay, appreciate that. But you don't think we have any netting problems.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** No.

**Councilman Friend:** No netting problems.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** No.

**Councilman Friend:** That will be a problem if it is.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Right. We'll double-check that but I believe what we transferred, we have the documentation *(Inaudible)*.

**Councilman Friend:** Well, we are going to need that.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Yeah.

**Councilman Friend:** Guarantee you that.

**City Controller Russ Lloyd:** Okay.

**Councilman Friend:** Appreciate it. Anybody have any other questions?

**President Robinson:** Thank you.

I assume that the rest of the people in the audience are here for Ordinance G-2013-3. We are going to hear this, as I stated earlier. First Readings we usually don't have discussion. We have discussions on the Second Reading and Third Reading so that's Wednesday. If you are not going to be able to come Wednesday and you need to talk today, we'll let you come up here and talk but we need to limit it to, you know, 15 seconds, 20 seconds, because we are going to be... Wednesday is your night and you'll have us all night Wednesday. We don't have anything else on the agenda it will just be that. Is there anyone in the audience that would like to speak..

**Unidentified Speaker:** What time?

**President Robinson:** Wednesday at 5:20.

**Unidentified Speaker:** This room?

**President Robinson:** This room, Wednesday at 5:20 and that will be the only thing on the agenda. You won't have to sit through anything else. We'll vote on it...we'll hear discussion on it that night and we'll also vote on it that night.

So since no one's come forward, Committee Reports.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Re: Resolution C-2013-6  
Date: March 11, 2013  
Time: 5:20 p.m.  
Notify: George Fithian  
Carol McMichael

**CHAIRMAN JOHN FRIEND**

Ratifying, Confirming, Authorizing and Approving  
Agreement between the City and Teamsters  
Local Union #215 for the period from January 1,  
2013 thru December 31, 215

Re: Resolution C-2013-7  
Date: March 11, 2013  
Time: 5:25 p.m.  
Notify: Debbie Dewey

A Confirming Resolution for the Tax Phase-In for  
the Acquisition and Installation of New  
Manufacturing Equipment for Berry Plastics Opco,  
Inc.

**A.S.D. COMMITTEE**

Re: Ordinance G-2013-3  
Date: February 27, 2013  
Time: 5:25 p.m.  
Notify: Ted Ziemer

**CHAIRWOMAN STEPHANIE RILEY**

Providing for Licensing of Residential Rental Buildings  
in the City of Evansville, Indiana

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:**

Nothing scheduled at this time

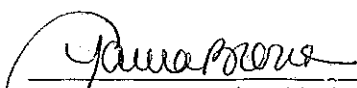
**CHAIRMAN O'DANIEL**

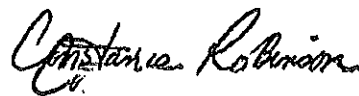
**ADJOURNMENT**

**President Robinson:** Is there a motion for adjournment?

Councilwoman Mosby moved and Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley seconded the motion to adjourn.  
Voice vote. So ordered.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

  
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Laura Brown, City Clerk

  
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Constance Robinson, President